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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue: 2000 "Endangered Species series"**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Thursday, 6 April 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 12 stamps depicting endangered species of fauna. This will be the eighth set of stamps in UNPA's multi-year series on Endangered Species, which was launched on 3 March 1993 to highlight the need for the protection of endangered species throughout the world. The issue will consist of three sheets of 16 stamps in denominations of 33 cents, Sw F 0,90 and S 7/euro 0,51. Each sheet will illustrate four different endangered species.

(United States equivalents: Sw F 0,90 = $US 0.57 and S 7/euro 0,51 = $0.51, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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Denomination:
33 cents

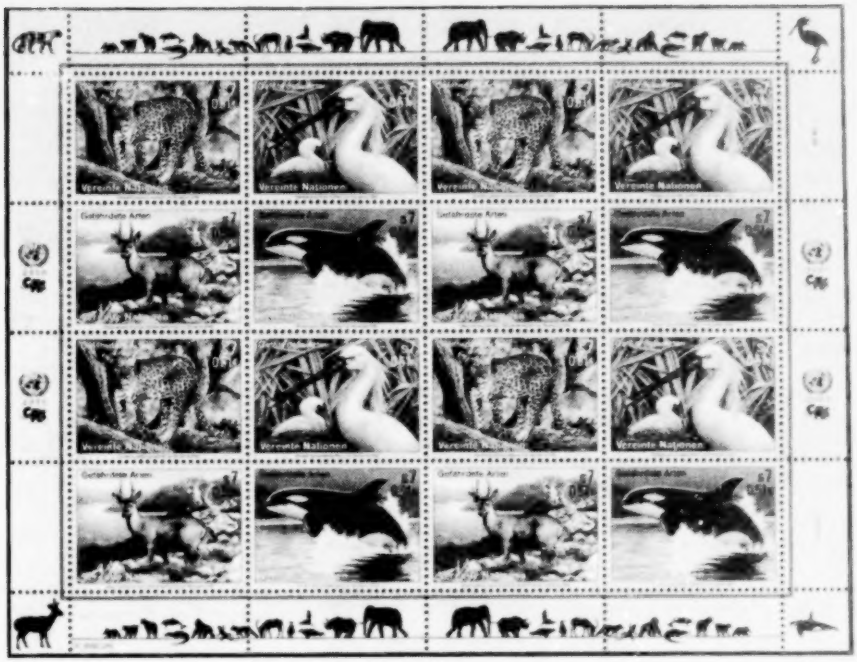
Endangered species:
Brown bear
Black-bellied bustard
Chinese crocodile lizard
Bonobo

Designer:
Suzanne Duranceau
(Canada)

Denomination:
Sw F 0,90

Endangered species:
Hippopotamus
Coscoroba swan
Emerald monitor/goanna
Sea otter

Designer:
Robert Hynes
(United States of America)



Denomination:
S 7/euro 0,51

Endangered species:
Leopard
White or European spoonbill
Killer whale
Chilean huemal

Designer:
Lori Anzalone
(United States)

2000 Endangered Species annual collection

2. On 6 April 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration will release the 2000 Endangered Species annual collection folder of single mint stamps.

3. The 2000 annual collection will be contained in a specially designed album. The album devotes separate pages to each of the 12 endangered species. Descriptive information is provided in English, French and German, and each stamp is beautifully highlighted by a colourful array of photographs relating to the species. It should be noted that the Endangered Species series **will not** be included in the annual collection albums to be issued later in 2000.

4. The stamps are not affixed inside the album, although spaces and mounts have been provided for this purpose.

Triple-cancelled Endangered Species Annual Collection folder

5. Since the 2000 Endangered Species annual collection folder will contain stamps in all three denominations, special arrangements have been made by UNPA to make available to its collectors the Endangered Species collections in which the stamps will be affixed and cancelled 6 April 2000, the first day of issue in New York, Geneva and Vienna, as appropriate.

6. The policy of offering triple cancellations for the Endangered Species annual collection will continue throughout the duration of this series.

Maximum cards

7. The nineteenth set of UNPA's maximum cards will also be issued on 6 April 2000. Three different cards will be produced to accommodate the three different *se-tenant* blocks of four stamps being issued. To conform with the maximum cards issued for the Endangered Species series in prior years, each maximum card will reproduce photographs of the species appearing on each of the stamps in the *se-tenant* block. The appropriate *se-tenant* blocks of stamps will be affixed and cancelled "First day of issue" for each respective office. The maximum card cancelled "United Nations, New York" will sell for $1.62. The cancelled "United Nations Geneva" card is priced at $2.57, while the cancelled "United Nations Vienna" card is priced at $2.35, subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

General information

8. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachet **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 6 April, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat lobby, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.